

INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

National Incident Management System (NIMS) Training Courses

Regulations 1070, 1081, and 1082

The proposed amendments to Commission Regulations are being implemented to meet the requirements of Homeland Security Presidential Directive-5 and Government Code Section 8706. The proposed changes to Regulations 1070, 1081, and 1082 accomplish the following:

- Provide for the standardized delivery of first-responder basic incident response training statewide.
- Require instructors to complete the POST-certified 24-hour trainer course prior to the delivery or presentation of the 8-hour basic response course.
- Specify the curriculum content for both courses.

Homeland Security Presidential Directive-5 requires each governmental entity to implement, integrate, and utilize the National Incident Management System (NIMS), and to comply with federal requirements no later than October 1, 2006. Persons to receive training include, but are not limited to, any employee of a public agency at the State, county, local, or tribal government level that may be tasked to respond to an emergency incident. Therefore, there is no language proposed to establish who must attend the eight-hour course other than compliance with federal HSPD-5 and California Government Code 8607.

Justification for Amendments to Regulation 1070 (b)

The proposed amendments to Regulation 1070 Minimum Training Standards for Instructors of POST-Certified Specialized Subjects instructor course adds a course in the “Training Course” column for the existing Terrorism and Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Awareness category. The completion of the identified instructor course is required prior to the presentation of specialized training. Language added to the Specialized Subject column identifies the training category as Terrorism & WMD Awareness. This training category identifies a specialized subject that may be the subject of a stand-alone course or a specialized subject taught within a larger course. It also requires instructors to complete the required instructor course prior to the presentation of specialized subjects.

Non-substantive changes make the grammar more concise.

Justification for Amendments to Regulation 1081 (a) and new (a) (36)

The proposed amendment to Regulation 1081 Standards for Legislatively-Mandated Courses adds new section (36). The added language identifies the minimum standards and specifies the curriculum content for the Basic Course for Response Personnel SEMS/NIMS/ICS, developed pursuant to the federal requirements of HSPD-5 and California requirements in Government Code 8607.

Non-substantive changes modify grammar for correctness and clarity.

Justification for Amendments to Regulation 1082 (d)

The proposed amendment to Regulation 1082 Minimum Content Requirements for Instructor Courses adds new section (22) that identifies the minimum content for the legislatively mandated instructor course. The added language identifies the minimum course content requirements for the Train-the-Trainer Course for Response Personnel (SEMS/NIMS/ICS), developed pursuant to the federal requirements of HSPD-5 and California requirements in Government Code 8607.